

The Simple Truth Series # 17

**The Trail of the Serpent:**  
**From God's Garden of Eden,**  
**to Satan's Eden,**  
**under the World Government.**



The history of this world, is primarily, a record of the 'enmity' (hostility), between God's seed, and the Serpent's seed. *'And I will put enmity between thy seed, and her seed.'* (Genesis 3:15). Why enmity? Because, the Serpent's seed weren't part of the Will, or Plan of God, in the beginning, and they will be separated from it, at the end.

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*'And expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.'* Acts 18:26.

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# 1.

## Introduction

The trail of the Serpent begins in the Garden of Eden, in the Presence of God, and it ends in the Lake of Fire. *'And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever...And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.'* (Revelation 20:10,15). It all ends there, in the fire. The death of the soul, and the end of consciousness and existence. Everything that was not part of the Desire and Plan of God in Eternity, ends in the lake of fire. The trail finishes there.

When we understand Election, Predestination, and the Serpent's seed, as the Bible reveals them, it puts everything in history into perspective. We can understand *why* the Lord *'endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.'* (Romans 9:22). It was because they were never meant to be on earth in the first place. The Lord created everything for those whose names were *'written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world.'* (Revelation 17:8).

Election isn't about randomly choosing several people out of a line-up of people and no-one else; the way a Nazi Officer would randomly select several people from a line up to be shot. His Elect are those whom He designed purposefully before creation began, and fore-ordained to be created. Their names were put on His Book of Life, and could never be erased, because they were fore-ordained to share in everything He had Planned.

The Serpent's seed never were a part of that plan, so they never could *become* a part of it. As it is explained in Romans 9:11-13, *'For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him that calleth; It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.'*

Predestination is never about being good or evil, it is about the Plan of 'I Am' in Eternity being fulfilled in Creation. We are told in Hebrews 4:3, that *'the works were finished from the foundation of the world.'* Yes, they were, when that last name was put on the Book. It was closed, and it will only be opened again for the Judgement, when, *'whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life, was cast into the Lake of fire.'*

## 2.

### 'I AM'

It all began in Eternity, where I AM dwelt alone. I AM. The Self-Existing-One. The Holy Spirit. When He walked this earth as Jesus Christ, He professed who He was to the Pharisees, when they couldn't believe He had seen Abraham. *"Before Abraham was, I Am,"* was His reply. (John 8:58). He always *was*, before Abraham was, because He had always existed.

He was the same One who spoke with Moses at the Burning Bush. When Moses asked Him, *"What shall I say unto them?"* *'God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and He said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.'* (Exodus 3:13-14). I AM. He doesn't need a Title, or a Name. He *is*, because He is, *who* He is. The self-existing One, who is the *cause* for *all* existence. Everything else was created. He is the only uncreated Being.

I AM. Neither in the past tense, nor in the future tense, because He knows neither. HE IS. He is the Eternal present; dwelling in Eternity. In that past Eternity, before Time, where He dwelt alone; He designed a Plan, that would be His Purpose in Creation. He would Create a people, who would have the ability, and the opportunity, to know Him, and love Him, *if* they *chose* to. He was designing them in love, each one, individually. Each one would be the apple of His eye. Each one an individual masterpiece. Each one, a pearl of great price to Him. Each one would be *His* Son or Daughter, and He would be *their* Father.

## 3.

### Creation

It began in Eternity. *"Let there be...And there was..."* And Time began, with the first tick of the clock on that first day, at the command of I AM. As the Psalmist puts it, *'The Heaven, even the Heavens are the Lord's: but the earth hath He given to the children of men.'* (Psalm 115:16). The Heavens, the Abode of I AM, dwelt in Eternity, because it had *no* beginning. But the earth was *created* on that first day, and because it had a beginning, it was subject to time. There would be evening and morning, times and seasons and years. Memories of the past, and dreams of the future.

It began in grandeur. *"Let there be...And there was,"* the Heavens, the earth, and all

the vastness of the universe. Then, it was slowly refined to fulfil the Plan that developed in the mind of I AM, in Eternity. Dry land. Seas. Vegetation. Swimming creatures. Flying creatures. Walking creatures. Creeping creatures. Then, a Garden. All made by the hand of a loving Creator, for the love of His life.

Then came the Magnum Opus of all of Creation itself. The Man. *'And God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.'* (Genesis 2:7). Adam, the Son of God, stood to his feet, and looked into the eyes of his Creator. This was the moment that all of Eternity had focused upon. The Creator, and the Creation, touched hands, then walked together through the pristine beauty of the Garden of God, in Fellowship. They talked. They laughed. They enjoyed. They were both aware, that this moment could not *be*, without the *other*. Without this moment, there would be no Creation, because, there would be no need for it. I AM, had *become* God, the *Father*.

## 4.

### *'I will put Enmity between thy seed, and her seed.'*

It began in a Garden. It *all* began in that Garden. The creation of the Man and his wife, and the downfall of all Mankind. The enmity was begun there. *'And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him...And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib which the Lord God had taken from the man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.'* (Genesis 2:18,21-23).

The Lord took a part of the Man, and from it He made an image of the Man, and placed within it the feminine part of the Man's spirit. And, as Adam declared, *"She shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."* She became his Bride. Four thousand years later, there would be a New Creation, made in the image of the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. And, the Holy Spirit would be taken from within Him, and placed within each of those who were *'flesh of His flesh,'* and they would become *His* Holy Bride.

The Woman. She was not made, *"In our image, after our likeness,"* as Adam had been made, for God. But she was, *"Bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh."* Made in the image and likeness of Adam, *for* Adam.

*'And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou*

*mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.'* (Genesis 2:16-17).

*'Now the Serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made.'* (Genesis 3:1). Subtil, as in scheming. Of course, he was more subtil. He was the missing link, between the animal kingdom, and humans. He walked on two legs. He talked. He reasoned. And, Satan was dwelling within Him. There are only two influences on this world. The Holy Spirit (Jesus Christ), and Angels. And the unholy spirit (Satan), and Demons. Satan lied to Eve through the Serpent. *"Hath God said....?Ye shall not surely die..."*

*'And the woman being deceived was in the transgression.'* The woman was deceived into believing the Serpent's word was true, and the Lord's Word was lies. So, she ate.

*"The Serpent beguiled me, and I did eat."* The Serpent seduced her. When Solomon described a woman committing adultery, he said, *'Such is the way of an adulterous woman, she eateth, and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no evil.'* *'She took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her, and he did eat.'* (Genesis 3:6).

Eve was pregnant. *'And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And she again bare his brother Abel.'* (Genesis 4:1-2). Adam knew Eve his wife, but the Serpent knew her first, and there were twins within her womb.

## 5.

### The Enmity.

*"And I will put enmity between thee and the Woman, and between thy seed, and her seed."* (Genesis 3:15). That was God's judgement on the sinners. Enmity. But what kind of enmity? For there are many. It can be dislike? It can be contention? It can be hostility? It can be that they will never be at peace with one another? It can even be that they will always remain enemies? Or, it could be all of the above?

The enmity began with the first two children ever born. Cain, the son of the Serpent; and Abel, the son of Adam. They had lived and played together all their lives, until the events portrayed for us, in Genesis chapter four, when they were now adults.

*'And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time, it came to pass that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell.'* His countenance fell. He got angry. The enmity had surfaced. And that first act of enmity resulted in

murder.

*'And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.'* So, Cain dragged Abel's body away, and buried it under a pile of fig leaves; the same place Adam and Eve tried to hide their sin. But nothing is hidden from the all-seeing, and all-knowing One. And Cain didn't fool Him, any more than Adam and Eve did. The Lord stepped out from behind the veil, and came to fellowship with His Creation; but something was wrong.

*"Where is Abel thy brother?...What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto Me from the ground."*

Cain had brought an offering *'of the fruit of the ground.'* Things he had grown himself. His good works. Then he laid them on the altar before the Lord, and said, *"Look at these, ain't I a good boy?"* He imagined Worship was about *pleasing* God, when it's all about *obedience*. *'To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.'* (1 Samuel 15:22).

When Adam and Eve sinned, they tried to cover *their* sin with fig leaves (the fruit of the ground), but fig leaves don't cover sin in the Presence of God. The Lord had to kill lambs to clothe Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21), to remind them that it takes sacrifice to cover sins.

It was revealed to Abel, who was a son of God through Adam, that the Lord requires blood in worship, because *'without the shedding of blood is no remission.'* (Hebrews 9:22). But it wasn't revealed to Cain, the Serpent's son. It didn't have to be, because he wasn't a son of God. So, Cain got jealous, and he thought, "You wait, I'll fix you." Which he did. But blood speaks in the Presence of God, and Abel's blood was crying out, "Sin! I've been murdered," just the way his blood sacrifice had cried out, "God have mercy on me, a sinner."

When you come to worship with a blood sacrifice, you come with a Voice to speak on your behalf. St Paul mentioned the blood of Jesus Christ, that *'speaketh better things than that of Abel.'* (Hebrews 12:24). Abel's blood cried out, "I'm dead!" Jesus' blood cries out "I'm alive forevermore!"

When the Death Angel was going to pass through Egypt, and kill all the first born, the Lord promised, *"When I see the blood, I will pass over you."* (Exodus 12:13). That blood spoke for them. "Don't touch this house, the Name of God is on it." Blood always speaks of redemption. We're safe, when we're covered by the blood.

## 6.

### 'Jacob have I loved.'

*'...that the purpose of God according to Election might stand...It was said unto her... Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.'* (Romans 9:11-13). To elect means, to select, or choose. When we have an Election, we are choosing our government. And, as with an Election, no matter how good a person is, no matter how popular they are, unless they are chosen, they will not Govern. God *chose* Jacob. He chose every one of His children whom He was going to create, back in Eternity, and He designed each one of them, as He wanted them to be. None of us are an accident. We are here because I Am designed us, gave us life, and placed us upon this earth.

He asked Job the question, *"Where were you, when I laid the foundation of the earth...and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"* (Job 38:4,7). Where were you Job? If you are a son of God *now*, it's because you were in the mind of God at that time; shouting for joy at His Plan of Creation, and Salvation. Because, *all* the Sons of God were there, every one of them. Abraham was there rejoicing. Jesus said, *"Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw it, and was glad."* The Pharisees replied, *"You aren't even fifty years old, and you say you've seen Abraham?"* Of course, He had. He replied, *"Before Abraham was, I Am."* (John 8:58). Amen. Jesus was the Ever-present-One, the I Am, and He knew Abraham, before Abraham was thought of by anyone, except Himself. Abraham rejoiced to see His day! **All** the Sons of God rejoiced to see His day. Was Eve there, shouting for joy with the Sons of God? No. These were the Sons of God; the ones whom God would create in *His* image and likeness.

Why did He love Jacob and hate Esau, before either was born? Because Jacob was one of those in His mind in Eternity, and he was part of the Plan of God. Esau wasn't in the Mind of God. He was the result of Eve's fornication with the Serpent, and never could become a son of God. Why didn't the Lord destroy Eve for what she did? Because she was bone of Adam's bone, and flesh of his flesh, and He couldn't harm her, without harming Adam, His beloved son. The Body of Christ is the same. They are *'Flesh of His flesh,'* and if anyone harms them, *'It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea.'* (Matthew 18:6).

*"Jacob have I loved... And unto thy seed will I give..."* There were times when Jacob's seed forgot their Creator, and they also believed at times, that He had forgotten them. But, as He revealed in Isaiah 49:14-16, *'But Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of My hands; thy walls are continually before Me.'*



## 7.

### 'Unto thee, and to thy seed'

It was the Lord's land to give. He created it all, everything on earth, for His children alone. But the Serpent's seed were squatting on it like locusts, usurping ownership of it. The Lord promised the land to Abraham, as recorded in Genesis 13:14-15.

14. *'And the Lord said unto Abram, after that lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:*

15. *For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever.'*

He repeated the promise to Isaac, Abraham's son, as recorded in Genesis 26:2-4.

2. *'And the Lord appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land that I shall tell thee of:*

3. *Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries, and I will perform the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father;*

4. *And I will make thy seed to multiply as the stars of Heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.'*

The Lord also repeated His promise to Jacob, Isaac's son, as recorded in Genesis 28:12-13.

12. *'And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it.*

13. *And, behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the Lord God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed.'*

His seed, of course were Joseph, and his offspring in perpetuity. But, the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, the Jebusites, and all the other descendants of Ham, the Serpent's seed, were squatting on their land, since they moved to Egypt to escape the seven years famine.

Four hundred years had passed, but now, they were returning home. Seventy had left, now two million were following the Pillar of Fire, to a Promised Land they had only heard stories about. Twelve spies searched out the land, and returned with a bunch of grapes it took two men to carry. But ten of them also brought back an evil report. *"The inhabitants are giants, and we look like grasshoppers beside them."* They didn't believe the God who promised them the land, could give them the land. So, because of their

unbelief, they spent another forty years wandering in the wilderness, before they entered the land, and returned home. *'To thy seed,'* He had returned the land He promised.

## 8. The Church

The 'Church,' or, the Ecclesia, as it is known in Greek, means the 'called out ones.' They were called out from among those who weren't the Lord's, to live separately from them. The Gentile Bride of Jesus Christ. The Elect. The predestinated. The Sons of God. The ones whom everything revolved and revolves around; creation, Salvation, and the future Eternity.

They began as *'the Church that is in thy house.'* (Romans 16:5). A simple gathering together of the called-out-ones. But, when all Jews were expelled from Rome for ten years, under Emperor Claudius (Acts 18:2), the Roman 'Christians' began to incorporate Pagan religious practices into their gatherings. This evolved further, until we had the picture of this 'Church' being described by Jesus as having a *'name of blasphemy.'* (Revelation 13:1). They weren't the Church any longer, they were now the 'Universal Church.' That was blasphemy. There is *'One Lord, one faith, one baptism,'* as Paul put it. One Faith. The Ecclesia. The Body of Christ.

As time went by, we find this 'Church' being referred to as a *'whore'* (Revelation 17:1), and the *'Mother of Harlots.'* (Revelation 17:5). What are Whores and Harlots? The same thing, immoral women. 'Church organizations' committing Spiritual fornication with the world, and being unfaithful to the God whom they claim to serve.

Their mother 'Church' was a whore, and the daughter 'Churches' are harlots. These are the 'Church' Organizations, not the people. There are good people in there earnestly seeking the Lord. What are their whoredoms? Unbelief. Their teachings. The Lord warned of this, *'But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.'* (Matthew 15:9).

And we are told this Whore is now *'full of names of blasphemy.'* (Revelation 17:3). There was only one name originally, the Catholic 'Church,' now there are many. Lutheran 'Church.' Anglican 'Church.' Methodist 'Church.' Seventh Day Adventist 'Church.' Apostolic 'Church.' A thousand of them, and all blasphemy. All Harlots, unfaithful to their husband, Jesus Christ.

*'In the beginning was the Word (Jesus Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.'* (John 1:1). He is the Word of God. And when 'Churches' teach doctrines contrary to that Word, they are committing Spiritual whoredoms. None of these 'Churches' were started by the Lord. They are all man-made Institutions, invented by

man, for man. They have a Membership, and you join them. You can't join the Body of Christ. You're born into it, by the new birth. There is only One Church upon this earth, the Spiritual Body of Jesus Christ.

The Lord sees through these Organisations, and He sees His Elect among the Serpent's seed in there. *'So shall it be at the end of the world: the Angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the Just.'* He will separate them, as a miller separates the wheat from the chaff. Why does He have to do that? For His Elect's sake. His Chosen. Those whose names He wrote in His Book of Life. His Church.

## 9.

### 'Whom shall He make to understand doctrine?'

*'Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on to perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.'* (Hebrews 6:1-2).

Principles are the things you begin with when you're learning something new. When a child starts school, they learn to read, write, and count, because these are the foundation of learning and knowledge, and everything else they will ever learn is built upon them. Once they have learned to read, write, and count, they never have to learn them again. They have them for life. And they go on to learn higher things, that these basics enable them to understand.

That's what St Paul is telling us here. *'The principles of the doctrine of Christ,'* are the basics that the deeper things of the Christian life are built upon. Repentance, faith, baptism, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgement, give us a simple picture of the Christian life, and of the future life after this one. Once we've repented, been baptised, etc, we should go on to deeper things that maturity allows us to understand.

As we are told in Isaiah 28:9, *'Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.'* You can't teach algebra to a two-year old, but you *should* be able to teach it to a fifteen-year-old.

Paul lamented the lack of spirituality of the Corinthians, when he wrote, *'And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not*

*able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*' (1 Corinthians 3:1-2).

He also lamented the same things in his letter to the Hebrews, *'Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For everyone that useth milk is unskilful in the Word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.'* (Hebrews 5:11-14).

Christian maturity should make us able to accept revelations that the Lord gives His Church, and put them in their place in the bigger picture. Without an understanding of Predestination, Election, the Sovereignty of God, the Serpent's seed, the many Mysteries (of the Godhead, of the Church as the Body of Christ, of the Kingdom of Heaven, etc), we would not be able to *'discern both good and evil.'* We need the deeper things of the Word of God to bring us to maturity, because it isn't children who put on the *'whole armour of God.'* Only adults put on the armour, because only adults fight the Church's battles. *'Whom shall He make to understand doctrine?'* *'Them that are of full age.'* If someone has been a Christian for ten years, and they still have to be babied, they are morons, and as morons are, they will *never* mature. But they are the *exception*, not the norm.

In 2 Timothy 4:3-4, Paul warned us, *'For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.'* What are fables? Stories made up by men, which are not true. Lies.

There are those, supposedly Ministering the Word of God, who say doctrine divides, and the 'Church' should shun doctrines. So, what do they feed the flock instead of doctrines? Fables. The Lord said, *"But in vain do they worship Me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* (Fables). But doctrine doesn't divide, it separates. It separates the sheep from the goats, and the wolves from the sheep. The goats and the wolves are both Serpent's seed, but, *'My sheep hear My Voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.'* (John 10:27). The sheep are His.

## 10

# The Book of Redemption

No-one ever *chose* to become a 'Christian.' No-one was ever given that privilege. Our names were put in the Lambs Book of Life because we were I AM's. *'All things were*

*created by Him, and for Him.*' (Colossians 1:16). We were created for Him, but, as Isaiah put it, *'we turned every one to his own way.'* (Isaiah 53:6). We lived our lives *by ourselves, for ourselves.* When we found out we were the sons and daughters of God, we repented of our sin, and surrendered ourselves to Him, to live *in Him, and for Him.*

*'And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.'* (Colossians 3:17). It was all created for His glory. Our lives. Our time. Our works. Our words. Even our thoughts. It's all His. When we give it to Him, His Will is being done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

1. *'And I saw in the right hand of Him that sat on the throne a Book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.'*

2. *And I saw a strong Angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the Book, and to loose the seals thereof?*

3. *And no man in Heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the Book, neither to look thereon.'* (Revelation Ch. 5).

This is the Book of Redemption. On it are all the names from the Lamb's Book of Life. They were God's possession, but they were separated from Him by sin, and there is only one penalty for sin. *'For, the wages of sin is death.'* (Romans 6:23). They are now lost eternally, unless they can be redeemed, so that God can claim them back as His possession. But, *'No man in Heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth...'* (Revelation 5:3). No man was able to take the Book.

*'God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself.'* (2 Corinthians 5:19). How much of God? *'For in Him (Jesus), dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.'* (Colossians 2:9). All of God. When no man was able, our Creator was sentenced to death by His own creation, and Killed by His own creation, to buy their freedom. To possess the *'Book written within and on the backside.'* Within were the names of all those who had *'shouted for joy'* at seeing this day of redemption.

If a guitar has been pawned at a pawn shop to get a loan, the owner has to pay the loan back to redeem it. No-one else can pay that price and redeem it, only the owner. The names in the Book of Redemption, are all those whom I AM designed in Eternity, and put in the Book of Life. Because they were *His* before the Fall, He is the only one who can redeem them. And He can only redeem those who were His. We were all born, either a child of God, or a child of the Serpent. Nothing can change that. The Lord cannot redeem the Serpent's seed back, because they never were His, and their names aren't in either Book.

4. *'And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the Book, neither to look thereon.'* (Yet, there was one who could take the Book).

5. *'And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the Book, and to loose the seven seals'*

thereof.

6. *And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.*

7. *And He came and took the Book out of the right hand of Him that sat upon the throne.'* (Revelation Ch 5).

*'A Lamb as it had been slain.'* A lamb was slain when Adam and Eve sinned. But that lamb only *hid* their sin. The penalty remained. This Lamb paid the penalty. All those in the Book of Life were redeemed. Hallelujah! How did John know this Lamb had been slain? Because it was covered with blood. When John the Baptist introduced Jesus, he said, *"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."* (John 1:29). And, here He was in Heaven, having personally paid the price of redemption. He had come to claim the Book of Redemption, and all those whom He had redeemed. So, He took the Book. And the Book was sealed with seven seals.

It was closed with the seals. But the Lamb owned the Book now, and He could open the Seals, to reveal those whom He had purchased. *'And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals, and I heard, as it were the noise of thunder, one of the four beasts saying, Come and see. And I saw, and behold...'* (Revelation 6:1-2).

Each time a seal is opened, a thunder sounds, and a mystery is revealed. At the time of the Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when the people welcomed Him, shouting, *"Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord,"* as He was in prayer, He said, *"Father, glorify Thy Name."* 'Then came there a voice from Heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it **thundered.**' (John 12:28-29). What is the thunder? The Voice of God, revealing the mystery hidden within that seal.

*'And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.'* (Revelation 6:2). Hidden behind the first four seals is the 'Church' that man sees, lofty and impressive, and the Church that God sees, *"Fear not little flock for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."* (Luke 12:32). The Church of the Anti-Christ, and the Church of Christ. The same as it has always been. Cain and Abel. Ishmael and Isaac. Esau and Jacob. The Serpent's seed, and God's seed.

The rider on the white horse is the Anti-Christ beginning his ride. His horse is white, symbolising purity. It's a 'Church.' He has a bow, but no arrows, so he is powerless, because he is only a doctrine. But then, the doctrine becomes incarnate in a man and the man is crowned. He has authority now, so he goes forth *'conquering, and to conquer,'* over God's people.

Then he changes his horse. It's no longer pure, it's red now, he is exercising his authority through his 'Church.' *'And power was given to him that sat thereon to take peace from the earth, and that they should kill one -another: and there was given to*

*him a great sword.*' (Revelation 6:4). *'A great sword.'* Anyone who won't recognise the Anti-Christ's authority is killed. God's people are hounded and hunted down. Then they are burned, or drowned, if they won't recant and join this false 'Church.'

He changes horses again, and this one is black. It has so much power that it doesn't have to pretend it's pure any longer. It is pure, but it's pure evil. It's the 'Universal Church,' so there can be none other. Now it cries, *"A measure of wheat for a penny, and three measures of barley for a penny."* (v6). It's selling 'salvation.' Everything has its price, from the cradle to the grave. And even after death, there's a price to be paid, to relieve your dearly departed from the terrors of 'purgatory.'

Then he changes to his final horse. This one is pale, because it's a mixture of all the powers that he had before this. *'And his name that sat on him was Death.'* (v8). Nothing stands before him. He wears the triple crown, he is Vicar of Heaven, hell, and Purgatory. The Anti-Christ, the Serpent's seed, Satan incarnate. The Beast.

## 11. The Beast

*'And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads; And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred three score and six.'* (Revelation 13:16-18).

Before we consider what the 'Mark' of the Beast is, we must consider who, or what the Beast itself is, for then we might understand *why* it forces everyone on earth to receive its Mark. To do this, firstly, we must go to the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream, as found in Daniel chapter 2. In verses 31-33, Daniel tells the King what his dream was.

31. *"Thou, O King, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image whose brightness was excellent stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.*

32. *The images head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, his belly and thighs of brass,*

33. *His legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay."*

*Then in verses 36-41, he gives the interpretation of the dream.*

36. *"This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the King.*

37. *Thou, O King, art a King of kings: for the God of Heaven hath given thee a kingdom,*

*power, and glory.*

38. *And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of Heaven hath He given into thine hand, and hath made thee a ruler over them all. Thou art this head of gold.*

39. *And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth.*

40. *And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise.*

41. *And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potter's clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay.*

42. *And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken.*

43. *And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay."*

These are the four Gentile Empires that would rule over the earth until the last of them is destroyed, at the return of Jesus Christ in Glory.

The first was the Babylonian Empire, under Nebuchadnezzar, from 606-536 BC. (v 38, 'Thou art this head of gold'). The second was the Medo-Persian Empire, from 536-330 BC, begun by Darius the Mede. (Daniel 5:31. 'And Darius the Median took the kingdom'). The third was the Greek Empire 330-30 BC, begun by Alexander the Great. The fourth was the Roman Empire 30 BC-AD 20??, whose reign began, when the last of the four kingdoms that Alexander's Empire was broken up into at his death, was overrun by Rome.

The Babylonian, Medo-Persian, and Greek Empires were all destroyed. But, if you notice, the Roman Empire (represented by the thighs, legs, and feet), continued to exist unbroken from that time until the end time. The Imperial Roman Empire ended in 476, when Odoacer, a German Prince defeated the last Roman Emperor. But, before that time the Pagan Roman Empire, had already become the Papal Roman Empire, and the Empire continues today in the form of Catholicism, which will again rule the world through the restored Roman Empire during the Tribulation period. (Revelation 17).

The final stage of the Gentile world Empires, as shown in Revelation 17, is a ten-kingdom federation of the restored Roman Empire (Represented by the ten toes of the vision), ruled by the Anti-Christ, (the final Pope?), which is destroyed by Jesus Christ, as foretold in verses 44-45, of the interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream.

44. *"And in the days of these kings (the ten toed federation) shall the God of Heaven set up a Kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to*



*other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.*

*45. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the Stone (Jesus Christ) was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."*

Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the four Empires showed their outward splendour, and glory. But, when Daniel himself had a dream of the four Empires, he was shown their inward character; they were nothing but ravenous beasts.

*2. "I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the Heaven strove upon the great sea.*

*3. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another.*

*4. The first was like a lion, and had eagles wings:..*

*5. ...a second like to a bear...*

*6. ...another like a leopard...*

*7. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.*

*8. I considered the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and behold, in his horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things." (Daniel 7:2-8).*

The first three Empires could be compared to an animal on earth, but the fourth was so 'dreadful and terrible' that there was no animal that it could be compared with. It 'devoured, and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet.' It decimated all before it, and left nothing behind it.

That is what Rome was like. If someone rebelled, or fought against them, they made sure they could never have a second chance at it. Carthage was razed to the ground, and the land was sown with salt, so no-one could ever inhabit it again. When the Jews revolted, Roman Legions surrounded Jerusalem, and offered the defenders two choices; either surrender and be sold into slavery, or die.

When the amnesty was over, every tree within twenty kilometres of the city was cut down, and a ring of crosses were put up right around the city. The defenders ate all the food inside, then they ate their animals, then their children, then their dead, then animal manure. Those who surrendered were crucified. The siege went on for three years, and every cross had a victim nailed to it over that time. When the Romans finally broke through the walls, they slaughtered everyone inside, and the blood ran feet deep

in some streets. Then the Legions completely emptied the country of its inhabitants, selling them all into slavery. The only good thing about it, was that the Christians deserted their homeland, and fulfilled the Lord's command to *'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.'*

The fourth beast was bloodthirsty. Rome. The Pagan Roman Emperors fed the Christian's to the lions, or coated them with tar, and burned them alive as human torches. The Papal Roman Emperors murdered sixty-eight million, who would not bow to their authority, and submit to their false teachings. Millions died for not accepting that the wafer becomes the *literal* body of Jesus Christ. It was Cain and Abel again. The Serpent's seed, and Adam's seed. Religion without Revelation, and murder of the righteous.

3. *'So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.*

4. *And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:*

5. *And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.*

6. *And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.'* (Revelation 17).

Since the time of Nebuchadnezzar, there had only ever been the Beast itself revealed to mankind. Imperial Rome. Now a Woman was riding the Beast. A woman whom the Angel called, *'a great whore,'* (Verse 1), and the *'mother of harlots.'* (v5). She was controlling the Restored Imperial Roman Empire, (the lands of the former Empire), and she was *'drunken with the blood of the saints, and..of the martyrs of Jesus.'* She murdered them. All of them.

When John saw her majesty, he *'wondered with great admiration.'* (v6). *'And the Angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.'* (v7). *'And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains (or hills), on which the woman sitteth.'* (v9). I have heard people preach, and say, "There is only one city on this earth that is built upon seven hills!" No, there are actually about seventy-five. But, most of them are modern, and they do not fit the other criteria of the chapter. Rome has, since antiquity, been known as *'the city of seven hills.'* She is the Woman, and she is the beast. And everyone on earth is forced to worship (submit to) her.

# 12.

## The Mark of the Beast

*'If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.'* (Romans 12:18). That's easy to say. But, not so easy to do, when *'All men have not faith,'* as Paul put it in 2 Thessalonians 3:2. And especially so, when *'all men'* are hostile toward you, and have no respect for the Lord, His Will, nor His people. It's going to be so hard for the Lord's people at the end, that the Lord said, *"Except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved. But for the Elects sake those days shall be shortened."* (Matthew 24:22). The Lord is going to call 'time' before the game is finished. He is going to take His Elect off the earth in the Rapture to save them.

Those of His who are left on earth (the foolish virgins) will be hunted down by the Serpent's seed. With facial recognition cameras on the streets, and satellite cameras in the skies, it will be impossible to hide. They will be herded into prisons to be killed. Jesus talked about them in a parable. He said, *"and five were foolish."* Why were they foolish? Because they thought they were ready, when they weren't.

At the end of the parable, Jesus warned us, *"Watch ye therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."* (Matthew 25:13). So, it seems likely we *will* know the *week*, the *month*, and the *year*, because He never said we couldn't. But we won't know the *day* nor the *hour*. It seems the foolish virgins knew the *week*, because they were waiting for Him. But they didn't know the *hour*. They presumed He would return in the *daytime*, but He came at *night* and they weren't prepared for that.

*'Woe to the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.'* (Revelation 12:12). *'He knoweth.'* He knows the Bible better than most Christians, so he's read the story, and he knows what his fate is, and when it will be. As James put it, *'The devil believes and trembles.'* He knows *'that he hath but a short time.'* So, he's going to make the most of it.

*'And when the dragon (Satan) saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child (Jesus).'* (Revelation 12:13). He also persecutes the foolish virgins, unto death. As we read in Revelation 14:13, *'And I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'* Their works follow them.

In Luke 14:26, the Lord gave us a warning, for our own good. *"If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be My Disciple."* Hate them? And his own life?

Times would come, when we could not love them more than Him. And not even love our own life, without forsaking Him.

During the Roman persecutions, of the Dark ages, Believers were given a choice, 'Recant or perish.' Did they value their own life more than their testimony? *"If any man...Hate not...his own life..."* It will also repeat again with the Mark of the Beast.

*'And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.'* (Revelation 13:16-17). *'May not buy or sell.'* What about their families? Their children? What parent wouldn't ache at heart, and weep until they couldn't wring another tear from their body, if they couldn't feed their hungry children? But if you don't feed your children, they will be taken *from* you by the authorities. *"If any man..hate not his...children...he cannot be My Disciple."* Do you take the Mark to feed them? Or reject it to honour the Lord?

The Christian walk can be along a very difficult road at times. There the Saint must walk alone with the Lord, loving Him above all else on earth, nothing excepted. We were warned to, *'Set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth,'* because to be double minded would be unbearable. Make up your mind, because there can be no compromising.

*'And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.'* (Revelation 15:2). The majority of the foolish virgins will *"hate his life...more than..."* and will be among this number. They had gotten the victory. But any victory worth winning comes at a great cost, and the cost of this one exceeded *all* others. Most victories are won by love. But this one was won by self-sacrifice, and by loving the Lord with all their hearts. Is it any wonder, on the other side God has to, *'Wipe away all tears from their eyes.'* Self-sacrifice. The Lord knows all about that.

## 13.

*'...the dragon, that old serpent which is the Devil and Satan.'*

*'And when the tempter came to Him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.'* (Matthew 4:3).

7. *'And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his Angels fought against the dragon;*

*and the dragon fought and his angels,*

*8. And prevailed not; neither was their place found anymore in Heaven.*

*9. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.*

*10. And I heard a loud voice saying in Heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.' (Revelation 12:7-10).*

He is called the 'tempter.' The 'enemy.' The 'dragon.' The 'Serpent.' The 'Devil.' 'Satan.' 'Lucifer.' The 'accuser of the brethren.' He is all of these.

We are the Lord's, because He created us for Himself. And because we are His, He jealously guards us. We are told, 'Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.' (1 Peter 5:8). As a roaring lion. He wants us to believe he is a roaring lion; but he has no power over us, unless the Lord allows it. He cannot touch a hair of our heads, unless the Lord gives him permission to do so. If he is permitted to tempt us, and we fail, he will accuse us to the Lord, and try to make us appear of little value to Him. But our times of testing don't decide our future; it was decided before time existed. They only let the Lord know which way we are leaning. There are several examples of this in the Scriptures. The most well-known one is the Book of Job.

Job was 'perfect and upright, and one that feared God.' (Job 1:1). And he was wealthy, 'this man was the greatest of all the men of the east.' (Job 1:3). But then, the accuser comes before the throne of God. (Verses 6-12).

*6. 'Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them.*

*7. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*

*8. And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

*9. Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?*

*10. Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.*

*11. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse Thee to Thy face.*

*12. And the Lord said unto Satan, Behold all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the Presence of the Lord.'*

The 'Sons of God' were those such as Abel, who had gone from this earth, into the Presence of God. Satan (the accuser of the Brethren), came with them into the Lord's Presence, and the Lord was obviously proud of Job; *"Have you considered My servant Job?"* Of course, Satan had considered him, *"Do you think Job serves You for nothing? You've built a hedge about him, so I can't touch him. But you give him to me, and he'll be putty in my hands. I'll make him curse You to Your face!"*

The Lord had confidence in Job; so He said, *"Okay, touch what he owns, but don't touch him."* So, Satan had the Serpent's seed steal everything that Job owned, and he had Job's children killed. And Job's response? *"Naked came I out of my mothers womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the Name of the Lord."* (Job 1:21).

Then Satan came back, *"Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life. But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse Thee to Thy face."* (Job 2:4-5). So, the Lord gave Satan permission to harm Job, but not take his life.

Satan covered Job with boils, *'from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet.'* All sickness comes from Satan, and it's all outside the Perfect Will of God, but He *allows* it. Job's friends came to 'comfort' him. They didn't seem to know anything about grace, or election, or predestination. All they knew was reward and punishment. *"You're a secret sinner Job,"* was their judgement of his predicament, *"otherwise this wouldn't be happening."* No. It was happening because he *wasn't* a secret sinner.

The second example we have is Peter. The Lord Jesus warned him, *"Satan hath desired to sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not."* Satan asked to be allowed to 'sift him.' He said, *"Give him to me, and I'll make him deny he ever knew You."* So, he was *given* permission to test him; but the Lord already knew what Peter would do. *"Before the cock crows twice, thou shalt deny Me three times."*

But, as we read in the quote from Revelation chapter 12, the Devil was cast out of Heaven. So, there are no more 'accusations' after that, after all, the Saints have been 'taken up' and are living in the Presence of the Lord.

## 14.

# Satan's Eden

The Garden of Eden. It was near the Garden that the first man drew mortal breath. And, it was there that the Creator and the creation, first walked and talked together in fellowship. It was a place of unimaginable beauty, unsullied by sin. The only utopia there has ever been upon this earth. It was the fulfilment of *all* that stirred the heart of I AM, in Eternity. He had been God, during Creation. Now He was *'The Lord God.'*

He had created His beloved ones, in His own image and likeness. If you took away the fact that they were created in the image of God, they would be just another animal. But you couldn't do that, as long as their names were written in the Book of Life. The Serpent's seed were not made in His image, and their names weren't to be found in His Book. They were made in the Serpent's image, and they had the Serpent's heart. They wanted a Paradise without God. A creation without a Creator. Satan's Eden.

In Satan's Eden, Satan could lord it over creation, and be worshipped *as God*. He had inspired the Serpents descendants to form a World Government, which controlled everything on earth. Then they formed a Godless World Religion, under the '*Beast*,' which banned anything to do with '*The Lord God*,' from existing. So, who did they worship? At first, everything that *is* worshipped. But soon it came to the place where the true colours of it all came out, '*And they worshipped the dragon (Satan) which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast.*' (Revelation 13:4).

In *his* Eden, he would be worshipped, '*as God*,' which had always been his goal. In his Eden, sin would abound. Wrong would be right, and right would be wrong. He began as the Worship leader in Heaven, Lucifer son of the morning. But now, he is merely, the Devil. The embodiment of all that is evil, and wrong. His pride was his downfall. He wanted to exalt himself '*above the stars of Heaven.*' But he wasn't going to stop there. He wanted to be worshipped, '*as God.*' This is what caused his rebellion, and fall. He inspired the Serpent's seed under Nimrod to, "*build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto Heaven.*" (Genesis 11:4). That was his first attempt at an Eden of his own, where he would be exalted, and worshipped. But the Lord stopped it.

Now, here he is, among all that had filled his heart while he schemed. Fellowshiping with his people, the Serpent's seed, those who never were the Lord's, and who never wanted to be His anyway. They are all enjoying '*the pleasures of sin for a season*,' in Satan's Eden, the opposite of the Garden of Eden. Life is cheap here. So is pleasure. But it won't last long. '*He knoweth that he hath but a short time.*' He hasn't told them that. Everyone believes it's a '*thousand-year Reich*,' where '*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life*,' prevail.

## 15.

### 'Then shall be great Tribulation'

*'For then shall be great tribulation such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.'* (Matthew 24:21). Tribulation. Affliction. Trouble. Even more than that. *Great Tribulation*. There are plagues and diseases, the likes of which have never been seen before. The sea '*became as the blood of a dead man: and every*

*living soul died in the sea.*' (Revelation 15:3). And a *'great earthquake such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.'* (v18). It doesn't happen for nothing.

The Great Tribulation is payback for all the Serpent's seed on earth, because they never were part of the Plan of God, and they were never supposed to be here. But they swarm over it like flies, and devour it like locusts. They have taken the trysting place that I AM had chosen and prepared for the love of His life, and they usurp authority over it, as if it was created for them.

And now, under the leadership of Satan, they have formed a World Government, and banned God from being worshipped, or known upon earth. First, they legislated Him out, by passing laws that banned the very things that he had ordained. Then they passed laws that legalised the very things He had forbidden. They outlawed His Name being present on public buildings; prayer, and His Word being spoken in schools.

They legislated protection for all the religions inspired by Satan, and outlawed speaking against them as 'hate speech.' They formed a World Religion, that included every religious practice on earth, from voodoo to witchcraft; and from the Anglicans to Catholicism, but banned the Bible, and those who believed it. God's Elect. This was their image (likeness) of the first beast, and they gave life to it;

15. *'And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

16. *And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and bond, free and poor, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

17. *And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.'* (Revelation 13).

They gave life to the image. They allowed it to make Laws. Then they passed them into legislation, and forced everyone to accept them. At the beginning of the four world Empires, Nebuchadnezzar set up an image, and forced everyone to worship it, or die. (Daniel 3:5-6). Now, at the end, the world is forced to worship another image, or die. And receive his mark, or not be able to participate in their world. They can't buy or sell. They can't pay for anything, so they can't use anything. No mortgage, no rent, no food, no electricity, no gasoline; neither home nor travel. They're aliens in an alien land. It's the *'enmity.'* Cain against Abel. The Serpent's seed forcing God's seed out. They're imprisoned, and murdered. They're starved. And there is no pity from below. But, *"I have heard the cries of My people...and I am come down to deliver them."* (Exodus 3:7-8).

The One who chose His Elect, and wrote their names in His Book at the beginning, has His eye on them. *'He who touches you, touches the apple of My eye.'* He is ever aware of their plight. But, *'God does nothing except in answer to prayer.'* (John Wesley).



And when the cries of the Saints come to Him, out of their affliction, He acts. He returns for them. *'For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.'* (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17).

They had their tribulation at the whim of the Serpent's seed. And now that they are safely out of the way, it's time for the Great Tribulation, *'such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be.'* (Matthew 24:21). *'Nor ever shall be.'* It won't be repeated, because it won't need to be repeated. Their World Government. Their World Religion. Their World. All shaken, and destroyed, by the hand of God.

## 16.

### *'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs'*

*'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty...And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.'*(Revelation 16:13,14,16).

There are only two things which come out of the mouth, words, and vomit. These are words. The Lord Jesus said, *"(My) Words are Spirit and they are life."* (John 6:63). But these words are spirits that originated in the mouth of the dragon. (Satan, the Devil). Then they came out of the mouth of the Beast. Then out of the mouth of the false prophet. What comes out of the Devil's mouth? Lies.

*"There is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."* (John 8:44). Three unclean spirits. The Trinity doctrine. Taking the One God, and making Him into three. *'For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are One.'* (1 John 5:7). I AM, the One God, revealing Himself in three different ways. As the father He was over us. As the Son He was with us. As the Holy Spirit, He is in us.

These are unclean spirits, travelling as an unclean doctrine. In 'white' and 'neutral' magic, spells are often cast by repeating a chant of three words or phrases. This is even done in 'Black' magic. After a farmer had hanged himself in his kitchen, in Germany, his wife felt there was something wrong in the house. She was advised to sweep the house out, while repeating, *"In the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."*

This is one of the chants used in this type of 'magic.'

When William Branham was having a meeting in a huge tent in Germany, there were a group of Witches, sitting along the front row of seats. They were dressed in robes, and had in their hands feathers which were cut in a certain way. They were moving the feathers around in a pattern, while chanting, "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

They conjured up a storm, with gale-force winds, which was going to destroy the tent, until Brother Branham rebuked the storm, in the Name of Jesus Christ, and it ceased. He rebuked those Witches who had summoned the Demons to bring the storm, and the leader of them fell to the ground paralysed. He was carried out on a stretcher, paralysed from head to toe.

Evil spirits travel in the name of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because it's a lie. There is only One God who reveals Himself to us in three different ways.

*'For there is one God.'* (1 Timothy 3:5).

*"He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father."* (John 14:9).

*"I and My Father are One."* (John 10:30).

*'For there are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one.'* (1 John 5:7).

*'In the beginning God **created** the...'* (Genesis 1:1). But Who was God, our Creator?

*'For **by** Him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible,...All things were created **by** Him, and for Him.'* (Colossians 1:16).

*'And He is before all things (Eternal), and **by** Him all things consist (exist).'* (Colossians 1:17).

*'God who created all things **by** Jesus Christ.'* (Ephesians 3:9).

*'All things were made **by** Him (Jesus), and without Him (Jesus), was not anything made that was made.'* (John 1:3).

*"Thou art worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou (Jesus) hast **created** all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."* (Revelation 4:11).

*'And the Angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to Heaven, And swore by Him (Jesus), that liveth for ever and ever, Who **created** Heaven, and the things that therein are, and the sea and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.'* (Revelation 10:5-6).

*'For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the **Mighty God**, the **everlasting Father**, the Prince of peace.'* (Isaiah 9:6).

Before His ascension, the Lord Jesus gave the Great Commission, in which He said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the **Name** of the Father, and Of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19). Remember, He said Name

(singular), not names (plural). Ten days later, on the day of Pentecost, Peter told the assembled multitude what that **Name** was when he commanded them to, *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the **Name** (singular) of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”* (Acts 2:38).

Why is it that people get baptized, but don't receive the Holy Ghost, according to Peter's promise? Because, *“We are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath **given** to them that **obey** Him.”* (Acts 5:32). Because, a false baptism is *not* obeying Him.

Three unclean spirits like frogs. The Trinity doctrine. Never let them come out of your mouth.

## 17. Armageddon

*‘And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.’* (Revelation 16:16). This is the final battle. This is where Satan's Eden ends. Where Satan's reign ends. Where the World Government ends. Where the Serpent's seed end their domination. *‘The Kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.’* (Revelation 11:15).

They all lose to the Plan of God, when Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, returns to claim His Kingdom. It's time for I AM to begin His Eternal fellowship with those whom He had planned to spend it with, in the beginning. Their names are in His Book. They were His when He put their names there, and they will always be His. He made the way for that, by Creation, by Redemption, by His Perfect Will and Plan. It's almost fulfilled. Just one more day, the Millennium.

The Serpent's seed have had 6000 years to pollute the earth with their Godless Cultures, their Godless Religions, and their Godless Civilizations. Now they think they can take on God Himself, and win.

*‘And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called faithful and True and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.*

*And the armies which were in Heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*

*And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword (His Word), that with it He should smite the nations;’* (Revelation 19:11,14,15).

*‘And I saw the beast, and the Kings of the earth, and their armies, (the U.N.), gathered together to make war against Him that sat on the horse, and against His army.’*

(Revelation 19:19).

It's all over quickly. Read the Book yourself. Then, Satan is bound a thousand years, and there is peace on earth, for this Millennium. Then he is loosed again, and the final battle takes place; when the earth is renovated by fire, to remove every stain of sin, and every vestige of the Serpent's seed forever, before the Judgement.

## 18.

### 'And after this the Judgement'

The Judgement. It's not a Judgement of all who have ever lived. But, only of *'whosoever was not found written in the book of life.'* Those who were not redeemed. Everything had been recorded. *'And the dead were judged out of those things that were written in the books, according to their works.'* (Revelation 20:12).

The only saving grace to be found at the Judgement, is the acts of the condemned toward Israel, and their acts toward those whose names *are* written in the book.

*"Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these My brethren, ye have done it unto Me."* (Matthew 25:40). *"Blessed is he that blesseth thee (Israel), and cursed is he that curseth thee."* (Numbers 24:9). That is all there is to say. Because that is the only thing that separates commendation, from condemnation. Their works.

## 19.

### 'The lake of fire'

*'And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.'* (Revelation 20:2).

*'And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.'* (Revelation 20:10).

The Trail of the Serpent began in the Garden of God, where Satan perverted the Will of God, by making his seed come through the Woman. They were his creation, in contrast to God's Creation, and the history of the world was marred from the very beginning, by their presence. But here it ends, in a lake of fire.

*'The dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan,'* is cast into the lake of fire.  
*'And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.'*  
(Revelation 20:15).

And so, it ends. The enmity. The accusations. The offences. The trail of the Serpent.

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